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Friends,

Hypocrisy!

<u>Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri</u> want pro-life Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens to <u>veto two appropriations bills</u> (<u>HB 10</u> and <u>HB 11</u>) passed by the Missouri General Assembly for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017:

They are unhappy because **their tax dollar spigot has been cut off** – justifiably so because they perform and refer for abortions not necessary to save he life of the mother. Further, <u>Planned Parenthood wants to expand from one to five abortion clinics</u>, scattered throughout the state.

Of course taxpayers shouldn't subside the largest provider and promoter of abortion in the state and in the country!

You've seen the Planned Paren hood slogan: "Care. No matter what," But the effect of a veto of hose two appropria ions bills would cause one hundreds of thousands of vulnerable Missourians to lose badly-needed health care and services.

HB 10 funds the Missouri Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health and Senior Services. HB 11 funds the Department of Social Services.

Vetoes of those bills would be devastating! These three state agencies – working with numerous local public health agencies and non-profit organizations – provide extremely important health care and services for:

- Children and adults with mental illness and developmental disabilities (Down Syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy etc.);
- Drug and alcohol problems;
- · Suicide prevention;
- Ending infant mortality, preterm bir hs, low birth weight babies, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), maternal complications of pregnancy, etc.;
- Nursing and long-term care, independent living for the elderly and nutritious meals at senior centers;
- · Licensing of hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers;
- Disaster and emergency planning, including seasonal influenza shots and combatting biological, chemical and radiological terrorism;
- · Adoption and foster care;
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- Medicaid for pregnant women and children including unborn children.

The list goes on and on.

If a pro-life group had suggested hat the governor veto hese two bills, there would be loud and continuous outrage.

But when Planned Parenthood does it? Silence.

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  Washington (CNN)One of President Donald Trump's personal attorneys Michael Cohen has received an "invitation to provide information and testimony" that pertains to the Russia
   investigation to House and Senate intelligence committees Cohen has confirmed.]
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• "I declined the invitation to participate as the request was poorly phrased overly broad and not capable of being answered " Cohen told CNN Tuesday adding that he considered it
  a "total fishing expedition."]
["They have vet to produce one single piece of credible evidence that would corroborate the Russia narrative " Cohen said. He called the investigation a "rush to judgment."]
• [Cohen is the second person in Trump's orbit to flatly deny a request from congressional investigators. Former national security adviser Michael Flynn refused to respond to a Senate subpoena and rebutted a House request last week through his lawyer.]
  The Senate intelligence committee voted last week to give the two leaders of their investigation -- GOP Sen. Richard Burr and Democratic Sen. Mark Warner -- subpoena power
   following Flynn's rejection. But Democrats have objected to House intelligence chairman Devin Nunes R-California still having a say on the issuing of subpoenas despite a promise
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[Missouri expects more abortion clinics along with push for more restrictions]

For proof of Missouri's prominent place in the national abortion debate one only needs to look at the two developments energizing abortion rights and anti-abortion activists.]

- Due to a recent federal court ruling Missouri which only has one abortion clinic at the moment likely will see several others open in the coming months a rarity in the U.S. And St. Louis will be engaged in a legal battle over a new ordinance that bars employers and landlords from discriminating against women who obtain abortions.]
- [Yet Missouri still stands among the states with the most restrictive abortion laws. Republican lawmakers are floating the prospect of a special session this summer to take another look at anti-abortion bills that didn't make it through the General Assembly the first time around knowing they have a potential ally in GOP Gov. Eric Greitens, 1
- [St. Louis opened one of the first abortion clinics in the nation after the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision making the Planned Parenthood outpost a longtime target for protesters rallies and religious vigils.]
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- Listening.
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- An overview of the latest abortion-related developments in Missouri from St. Louis Public Radio's Jo Mannies.
- [Today, it's also Missouri's only clinic, meaning women in far-flung parts of the state often have to drive to other states to obtain an abortion. (Missouri is one of seven states that have only one clinic.)]
- [But the facility is expected to get company as a result of an April ruling by a federal judge that struck down several restrictions—some of them longstanding—including a 2005—one that said any physician performing or inducing an abortion had to be able to provide care at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic. The ruling was prompted by the U.S. Supreme Court's action tossing out similar laws in Texas last year.]
- [Although the state attorney general has filed an appeal Planned Parenthood is preparing to open clinics in Columbia Kansas City Joplin and Springfield the latter of which has been without an abortion clinic since 2005.1
- No other state is seeing such an expansion of abortion services according to the Guttmacher Institute which supports abortion rights and monitors activity around the country. (In Iowa, for example, Planned Parenthood recently announced it will close three abortion clinics because of state family-planning budget cuts.)]
- [Elizabeth Nash the institute's senior state-issues manager noted the contrast with Missouri's past.]
- ["Missouri is a state that others look to to find abortion restrictions and that's been the case for decades " she said.]
- [Alison Dreith with the abortion-rights group NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri is pleased with the new developments adding that the additional clinics will help rural Missouri women who have had to drive 150 miles or more to obtain reproductive services.]
- "The future for abortion access in Missouri actually looks bright again " Dreith said.]
- [A volunteer with Coalition for Life St. Louis protests outside Planned Parenthood on Forest Park Avenue.]
- [CREDIT CAROLINA HIDALGO | ST. LOUIS PUBLIC RADIO]
- [Political capital]
- [Abortion opponents are alarmed.]
- "We really are in a critical moment in Missouri for protecting women and protecting the unborn. And I think the Missouri legislature really needs to take action " said state Sen. Bob Onder a Republican from St. Charles who has fought for decades to restrict abortions.]
- Onder says he's talking to Gov. Eric Greitens' staff about calling a special session to focus on new abortion restrictions that could replace those wiped out in April.]
- [Among other things Onder has been pushing for stronger state regulations regarding clinic inspections. The bill was among roughly 30 abortion-related measures in the state General Assembly's 2017 regular session all of which failed to pass for various reasons.]
- Sam Lee a veteran anti-abortion lobbyist largely blames the lackluster record on Senate Democrats who he says skillfully used their filibuster powers. But Lee and other abortion opponents point to their success in putting restrictions in the state budget that will block any abortion provider including Planned Parenthood from getting Medicaid money for family-planning services. 1
- M'Evie Mead state director of policy and organizing for Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri criticized the budget provision and hinted at possible legal action.1
- Some Planned Parenthood affiliates in other states notably Texas have successfully overturned defunding attempts involving Medicaid funds.]
- [Lee, however, feels good about where the state stands politically, noting that the November elections bolstered his side's already powerful clout in the state Capitol, especially the arrival of Attorney General Josh Hawley a Republican who is an outspoken opponent of abortion. His predecessors Democrats Chris Koster and Jay Nixon backed abortion
- ["Politically with the legislature and the governor and the attorney general we're in great shape "Lee said. "We're in the best shape we've been in for 25 years."
- [Missouri Right to Life President Steve Rupp also supports the idea of a special session.]
- "We want to do anything we can as quickly as we can to save the lives of those innocent children" said Rupp whose primary goal is to end all abortions in Missouri and close the St. Louis clinic.]
- [Discrimination ordinance targeted]
- [Onder also wants the special session to address St. Louis' new anti-discrimination provision that's aimed at protecting women who undergo abortions or take birth control.]
- [The St. Louis Catholic Archdiocese is among those who have sued to get the changes overturned. Archbishop Robert Carlson emphasized that the Catholic Church opposes abortion and argued that the ordinance could require this archdiocese to hire women who support abortion rights.]
- Tam very disturbed that the city of St. Louis has now enshrined into law an ordinance which creates a sanctuary for the evil practice of abortion "Carlson said at a recent news conference. "Now some of our St. Louis politicians have made a protected class out of reproductive health which is merely a politically correct euphemism for abortion."
- [Sarah E. Pittyk one of the lawyers handling the case for the Archdiocese and other plaintiffs says the St. Louis provision is broader than similar anti-discrimination language in measures elsewhere notably Washington D.C. and Delaware which are aimed at employment. The St. Louis provision also focuses on housing.
- ["I wouldn't be surprised if this turned out to be something that other people are watching as a harbinger of what might happen in their jurisdictions "Pitlyk said.]
- [Shift in attitudes?]
- Overall Planned Parenthood's Mead contends abortion critics are mobilizing out of concern about the heightened public support in favor of Planned Parenthood and reproductive
- ["The levels of engagement and the types of people who are engaging in the political process to advance access to reproductive services is higher than I've ever seen before "she said. "Partly because of that there's a tremendous reaction against access to those services and those who provide them."
- [Dreith with Missouri NARAL puts the debate in starker terms: "This is not about further restricting access to abortion, or even the health and safety of women. This is about controlling women."
- [What's not in dispute is that nationally and in Missouri the number of abortions continue to drop.
- Just more than 5 000 abortions were performed in Missouri in 2014 according to the latest available figures and another 3 100 women traveled elsewhere for the procedure. All

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told that's less than half the 19 000 abortions recorded in 1985 one of the state's peak years.]
[Missouri's decline is in line with national trends; 926 190 abortions were performed in 2014—a 24 percent drop since 2008 when there were about 1.2 million abortions.]

But as in other aspects of the abortion debate the two sides disagree on why the numbers are going down. Abortion rights supporters credit greater use of contract opponents link the lower numbers to Missouri's increased restrictions.]

[Missouri Court of Appeals to weigh whether state's Human Rights Act covers gender identity]

[KCYR 89.3]

A case that could expand legal protections for Missouri's LGBTO community goes in front of the Missouri Court of Appeals on Wednesday. At the heart of it is a 17-year-old transgender boy who wants to be able to use the boys' restroom and locker rooms at his high school in the Blue Springs R-IV school district located outside Kansas City.]

- [His attorneys argue the district's refusal to grant him that right violates the state's Human Rights Act which prohibits discrimination based on sex. They're seeking to overturn a 2016 decision agreeing with the school district that the boy could not sue for discrimination because the act doesn't cover gender identity.]
- The case comes on the heels of the Missouri legislature sending Gov. Eric Greitens a bill that makes it harder for workers to prove they were discriminated against under the Missouri Human Rights Act. He has not indicated whether he'll sign it.]

[The details of the case]

- The boy who is identified in court documents as R M.A. began living as a boy at age 9. He legally changed his name in 2010 and was later issued a new birth certificate listing his sex as male.1
- Throughout elementary middle and high school R M.A used single-stall restrooms including when changing for athletics and gym. But according to court documents both the boy and his mother "expressed an interest in R.M.A" using boys' locker rooms and restrooms in eighth grade.]

[The district refused and his mother sued saying the decision discriminated against her son on the basis of sex.]

- [The argument goes like this: Court rulings have said that sex discrimination also includes discrimination based on a gender-related trait such as pregnancy. Gender identity R.M.A.'s attorneys argue in court briefs is a gender-related trait.]
- Despite that fact that R.M.A. is a boy "by all legal definitions" his attorneys said in a legal brief the school "treated him differently than other students in their provision of access to facilities based his gender-related traits."
- [School officials don't have the same interpretation of the Missouri Human Rights Act. Because gender identity isn't specifically mentioned attorneys for the school board and district arque it's not protected under the Missouri Human Rights Act and judges should not read something into the law that isn't there. Sex they write in their legal brief is defined as distinguishing between male and female on the basis of reproductive organs and that isn't the reason R.M.A was treated differently,]
- [Attorneys for the school also argued that the district and the board are not "people" under the definitions in the act and therefore can't be sued.]
- [A judge in 2016 agreed with the school's legal arguments and threw the case out that is the decision being appealed.]

[Possible implications]

- [A favorable ruling for the boy would make it illegal to discriminate against someone when it comes to housing employment and public accommodations because of their gender identity according to Steph Perkins the executive director of the LGBTQ advocacy group PROMO.]

 D'For example right now it's still legal under Missouri law to fire someone simply because they're transgender or they're gay " Perkins said.]

[Perkins said he would not be surprised if lawmakers tried to reverse a favorable court ruling.]

"We regularly see the legislature try to make moves to make it so that transgender students aren't allowed to use the appropriate bathrooms to make it so that Missouri law stays the way it is right now and gay and transgender people are allowed to be fired in Missouri "he said.]

A group of transgender students protests against a so-called "bathroom bill" at the state Capitol on March 15.]

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- [For the last two years state Senator Ed Emery R-Lamar has introduced Missouri's version of a "bathroom bill" which requires that all students use bathrooms that correspond to their biological sex. Transgender students would be accommodated through single-stall facilities.]
- [Emery did not return a request for comment for this report, but has said his bill, which has never come up for a vote, protects the privacy and safety of all students, while respecting the existence of transgender students.]
- [Bev Ehlen the state director of Concerned Women for America of Missouri said a ruling in favor of R.M.A. would be disappointing to the group which seeks to push Christian principles through public policy.]
- "Behavior isn't a protected class," Ehlen said.]

Greitens to sign ban on project labor agreements into law

By Celeste Bott St. Louis Post-Dispatch

JEFFERSON CITY . Nonunion contractors won't be required to pay workers union wages for public projects under a bill Gov Eric Greitens will sign on Tuesday

The measure effectively bans project labor agreements, or PLAs, which require contractors to pay union wages for public works projects. Under current law, both union and nonunion contractors can bid on public construction projects, but Republicans have long argued that PLAs force out contractors who don't want to hire union workers and abide by a collective bargaining agreement

Greitens dismissed the practice as a way to provide "special advantages for union bosses when negotiating government contracts"

"Project Labor Agreements drive up the cost of construction and kill jobs," Greitens said in a statement "Our top priority is more jobs for the people We're eliminating this sweetheart deal for special interests, protecting taxpayers, and creating more opportunity for all workers in Missouri '

PLAs are already banned for state projects Under the measure, Missouri's cities and counties could lose state funding or tax credits for two years if they require them

Democrats and labor advocates contend that PLAs ensure a highly skilled workforce for the construction of local schools, libraries or police stations, weeding out bad contractors and keeping a tight budget and schedule for the projects

The ban is one of several labor reforms long sought by Missouri Republicans, who have an ally in the governor's office for the first time in eight years. Earlier this year, Greitens signed a law making Missouri a right-to-work state, prohibiting unions from requiring dues as a condition of employment

Other reforms, however, were left on the table as the Legislature ended its session in May, including a "paycheck protection" bill and a repeal of Missouri's prevailing wage

Last week, Greitens told reporters he hadn't ruled out additional special sessions, but hasn't indicated which bills he'd task lawmakers with revisiting The Legislature has already returned to the Capitol once to hammer through a bill to attract two factories to southeast Missouri

"We're keeping options for special sessions on the table throughout the summer," Greitens told reporters last week

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Greitens will sign the PLA bill in Earth City on Tuesday afternoon, flanked by sponsoring Sen Bill Onder, R-Lake St Louis, sponsoring Rep Rob Vescovo, R-Arnold, and Wisconsin Gov Scott Walker, a fellow Republican chief executive who led the charge to curb the power of organized labor in his state

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National Headlines

Michael Dubke Resigns as White House Communications Director

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WASHINGTON — Michael Dubke, the White House communications director, announced on Tuesday that he was resigning, as President Trump weighs a broader shake-up of his staff in the face of multiple investigations

Mr Dubke, a veteran Republican strategist who served three months in the role, said that he offered his resignation on May 18 and agreed to stay on until Mr Trump completed his first overseas trip, which ended over the weekend Other staff changes could come by the end of the week, White House officials said

The resignation came as Mr Trump and his team pushed back against reports that Jared Kushner, his son-in-law and senior adviser, explored the possibility of setting up a secret communications channel to Moscow during the transition between the election and inauguration Mr Trump posted a link on Twitter on Monday morning to a "Fox & Friends" article reporting that the Russians, not Mr Kushner, suggested the secret channel and that it was meant as a one-time vehicle to talk about the civil war in Syria

Mr Trump, who has yet to sign any of his major priorities into law, also sought to get his legislative agenda back on track, suggesting that the Senate should get rid of the filibuster rule that requires 60 votes to advance most bills

"The U S Senate should switch to 51 votes, immediately, and get Healthcare and TAX CUTS approved, fast and easy," he wrote on Twitter "Dems would do it, no doubt!"

Mr Trump's health care bill, repealing President Barack Obama's signature program, remains stalled and could have trouble garnering even a 51-vote majority in the Senate, where Republicans control 52 seats In its other initiatives, Mr Trump's administration has yet to develop a detailed plan to overhaul the tax code, releasing only a general outline

Photo

A screenshot of an email that the White House communications director, Michael Dubke, sent to associates announcing his resignation.

The president's inner circle has been preparing a series of shifts intended to deal with the growing inquiries into any contacts between associates of Mr Trump and Russia during last year's presidential campaign and the transition before the inauguration

A damage control plan assembled by the president's aides would try to wall off the investigations by setting up a war room inside the White House and enlisting a high-powered team of lawyers outside the West Wing

Corey Lewandowski, who at one point was Mr Trump's campaign manager last year, and David Bossie, who was deputy campaign manager, are in discussions about whether to come onto the White House staff to handle the political and communications response to the inquiries

Sean Spicer, the White House press secretary, whose future has been the subject of much speculation, would stay on in this situation, but he might lead fewer on-camera daily briefings

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Bottom of Form

The challenges for any communications adviser to Mr Trump were on display Tuesday morning as the president returned to Twitter with more provocative messages challenging Germany and Democrats

"We have a MASSIVE trade deficit with Germany, plus they pay FAR LESS than they should on NATO & military," Mr Trump wrote "Very bad for U S This will change"

He also repeated his contention that the Russia investigation was merely a political distraction by Democrats seeking to discredit his Electoral College victory

"Russian officials must be laughing at the U S & how a lame excuse for why the Dems lost the election has taken over the Fake News," he wrote

Advisers have cautioned Mr Trump about his use of Twitter, with lawyers making the argument that every tweet can be considered evidence Diplomats likewise have worried that his Twitter messages can disrupt relations with allies unnecessarily

But Mr Trump is resistant to advice from experienced political hands like Mr Dubke and seemingly unable to allow any slight to go unanswered Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany said over the weekend that Europe could no longer rely on American leadership, a comment that evidently grated on the president

Ms Merkel's remark and Mr Trump's reply reflected rising trans-Atlantic tension after the president's visit to Europe At back-to-back meetings of leaders of the NATO alliance and the Group of 7 major powers, Mr Trump was at odds with traditional European allies over trade, military spending and the Paris climate change agreement

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Trump lawyer Michael Cohen won't cooperate with Congress

CNN

Washington (CNN)One of President Donald Trump's personal attorneys, Michael Cohen, has received an "invitation to provide information and testimony" that pertains to the Russia investigation to House and Senate intelligence committees, Cohen has confirmed.

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"I declined the invitation to participate, as the request was poorly phrased, overly broad and not capable of being answered," Cohen told CNN Tuesday, adding that he considered it a "total fishing expedition."

"They have yet to produce one single piece of credible evidence that would corroborate the Russia narrative," Cohen said. He called the investigation a "rush to judgment."

Cohen is the second person in Trump's orbit to flatly deny a request from congressional investigators. Former national security adviser Michael Flynn refused to respond to a Senate subpoena and rebutted a House request last week through his lawyer.

The Senate intelligence committee voted last week to give the two leaders of their investigation -- GOP Sen. Richard Burr and Democratic Sen. Mark Warner -- subpoena power following Flynn's rejection. But Democrats have objected to House intelligence chairman Devin Nunes, R-California, still having a say on the issuing of subpoenas, despite a promise to step aside from the probe.

Missouri Headlines

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Western District of Missouri Senior Judge Ortrie Smith in May blocked the ban on giving between political action committees and several other limits on donations. The ban includes donations by heavily regulated industries, such as rural electric cooperatives and insurance companies. He also undid a ban on some companies and unions from donating to ballot initiatives.

The judge left a \$2,600 contribution limit to individual candidates in place

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Missouri targets doctor shortage, expands first-in-nation law

STL Post Dispatch

JEFFERSON CITY • Numerous additional doctors from around the U S could become eligible to treat patients in Missouri's underserved areas as a result of a planned expansion of a first-in-the-nation law aimed at addressing a growing doctor shortage

The newly passed Missouri legislation would broaden the reach of a 2014 law that sought to bridge the gap between communities in need of doctors and physicians in need of jobs. That law created a new category of licensed professionals — "assistant physicians" — for people who graduate from medical school and pass key medical exams but aren't placed in residency programs needed for certification

But it took nearly 2½ years before Missouri finally began accepting applications on Jan 31 By then, some applicants no longer qualified because too much time had elapsed since their medical exams Missouri's new legislation seeks to turn back the clock, so those who became ineligible during the slow roll out can still get licensed as assistant physicians

Supporters hope the legislation, if signed by the governor, will help jumpstart a program that has been promoted as a model for other states

"We've been trying for years to address our maldistribution of physicians in the country. We have all sorts of incentive programs and all sorts of ways to try to get them to go out to Podunk, but a lot of them just don't want to go to Podunk," said Missouri Rep. Keith Frederick, an orthopedic surgeon who sponsored the assistant physician law

"This bill takes folks that very much want to ply their trade — they just want the opportunity to provide patient care — and the bill requires that they serve in an underserved area." Frederick added

Nearly 6,800 places in the U S are short on primary care physicians, from particular medical clinics to certain urban communities and entire rural counties, according to the U S Department of Health and Human Services Of those, 225 are in Missouri — a disproportionately high amount compared with the state's population

Since Missouri's original law passed, Arkansas and Kansas approved slimmed-down versions, and Utah enacted a similar measure this year Lawmakers also have considered similar programs in Oklahoma, Virginia and Washington

Missouri's assistant physician license is available to all legal U S residents who graduated from medical school within the last three years and passed the first two rounds of medical licensing exams within the last two years. It lets them provide primary care in "medically underserved" areas with the supervision of another physician. People can work as assistant physicians indefinitely, essentially sidestepping traditional residency requirements

So far, 127 people have applied for Missouri's program Just 23 have been issued licenses while 55 have been deemed ineligible and 44 remain under review

Dr Tricia Derges is among those who have been excluded because the state took so long to implement the program

Derges sold her candle manufacturing company about a decade ago to enroll in medical school She said she completed the second step of the medical exam in January 2014 and graduated from Caribbean Medical University in Curacao three months later She didn't get matched with a residency program

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Derges nonetheless opened a clinic for the homeless and poor in Springfield, believing she could get licensed as an assistant physician. While waiting for that license, she has relied on other physicians to volunteer their services

Derges said her assistant physician application was denied because more than two years had passed since her medical exam. The new legislation could allow her to reapply, and to potentially expand her clinic

It "will save a lot of people's lives," Derges said

The bill also was championed by state Rep Lynn Morris, a pharmacy owner who said the expanded program could save people long drives to see doctors

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Missouri Court of Appeals to weigh whether state's Human Rights Act covers gender identity

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A case that could expand legal protections for Missouri's LGBTQ community goes in front of the Missouri Court of Appeals on Wednesday. At the heart of it is a 17-year-old transgender boy who wants to be able to use the boys' restroom and locker rooms at his high school in the Blue Springs R-IV school district, located outside Kansas City.

His attorneys argue the district's refusal to grant him that right violates the state's Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination based on sex. They're seeking to overturn a 2016 decision agreeing with the school district that the boy could not sue for discrimination because the act doesn't cover gender identity.

The case comes on the heels of the Missouri legislature sending Gov. Eric Greitens a bill that makes it harder for workers to prove they were discriminated against under the Missouri Human Rights Act. He has not indicated whether he'll sign it.

The details of the case

The boy, who is identified in court documents as R.M.A., began living as a boy at age 9. He legally changed his name in 2010 and was later issued a new birth certificate listing his sex as male.

Throughout elementary, middle and high school, R.M.A used single-stall restrooms, including when changing for athletics and gym. But, according to court documents, both the boy and his mother "expressed an interest in R.M.A" using boys' locker rooms and restrooms in eighth grade.

The district refused and his mother sued, saying the decision discriminated against her son on the basis of sex.

The argument goes like this: Court rulings have said that sex discrimination also includes discrimination based on a gender-related trait, such as pregnancy. Gender identity, R.M.A.'s attorneys argue in court briefs, is a gender-related trait.

Despite that fact that R.M.A. is a boy "by all legal definitions," his attorneys said in a legal brief, the school "treated him differently than other students in their provision of access to facilities based his gender-related traits."

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School officials don't have the same interpretation of the Missouri Human Rights Act. Because gender identity isn't specifically mentioned, attorneys for the school board and district argue, it's not protected under the Missouri Human Rights Act, and judges should not read something into the law that isn't there. Sex, they write in their legal brief, is defined as distinguishing between male and female on the basis of reproductive organs, and that isn't the reason R.M.A was treated differently.

Attorneys for the school also argued that the district and the board are not "people" under the definitions in the act, and therefore can't be sued.

A judge in 2016 agreed with the school's legal arguments and threw the case out — that is the decision being appealed.

Possible implications

A favorable ruling for the boy would make it illegal to discriminate against someone when it comes to housing, employment and public accommodations because of their gender identity, according to Steph Perkins, the executive director of the LGBTQ advocacy group PROMO.

"For example, right now, it's still legal under Missouri law to fire someone simply because they're transgender, or they're gay," Perkins said.

Perkins said he would not be surprised if lawmakers tried to reverse a favorable court ruling.

"We regularly see the legislature try to make moves to make it so that transgender students aren't allowed to use the appropriate bathrooms, to make it so that Missouri law stays the way it is right now and gay and transgender people are allowed to be fired in Missouri," he said.

A group of transgender students protests against a so-called "bathroom bill" at the state Capitol on March 15.

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For the last two years, state Senator Ed Emery, R-Lamar, has introduced Missouri's version of a "bathroom bill," which requires that all students use bathrooms that correspond to their biological sex. Transgender students would be accommodated through single-stall facilities.

Emery did not return a request for comment for this report, but has <u>said</u> his bill, which has never come up for a vote, protects the privacy and safety of all students, while respecting the existence of transgender students.

Bev Ehlen, the state director of Concerned Women for America of Missouri, said a ruling in favor of R.M.A. would be disappointing to the group, which seeks to push Christian principles through public policy.

"Behavior isn't a protected class," Ehlen said.

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We will keep you posted on any developments. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any questions about Patty's petition. Once again, thank you.

-Brian and Jane

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• Witnesses are more easily identified • Witnesses have clearer recollections • Suspect is more likely to be within reasonable proximity • The investigators' failure to collect evi Days 3 - 4 (Feb. 20-21), Hughes Creates a False Record in Interview with Patty • Patty in custody for 16 hours, from 12:30 pm to 4:30 am • First interviewed by two officers for two 1 recorded on cassette. According to their report, information obtained was repetitive of her previous statements • Only when Hughes takes over and conducts an unrecorded interview is • "I asked her how many times she met Hancock there during that year and she replied, "About a million." I asked her for a more realistic number in terms of how many times per week c • She asked Hughes to take her out to dinner before she goes to prison • "Patty indicated ... that she would not tell the truth unless caught red-handed." • "I am cold-blooded." • "and sexually-suggestive statements • Patty denies making such outrageous statements Hughes' Blemished Record and Unrecorded Interviews • Prior to the Prewitt trial in 1985, Hughes left Missouri following a national uproar and calls for his resignation when he delay arrest of a suspect in a brutal rape for almost a month to let the suspect fight in a boxing Cournament in exchange for a confession • In 1997, Hughes resigned his position as an invereview by DCI. This review is not public, but in 2003 the the Wyoming Supreme Court determined that Hughes' veracity could be impeached based on the official report that led to his r 22 Background on the Prewitt Marriage • High school sweethearts, Bill and Patty married in 1968 • Together, they owned and operated a lumberyard and were devoted parents • Active in the community, Patty was President of the Chamber of Commerce and Bill coached soccer • In 1974, Patty was raped by three men in Sedalia. Following this traumatic event, Bill and Patty grew more distant from each other. For a time in the 1970s, they lived apart and saw other people • During their separation, 5+ years before Bill's death, Patt 23 Investigators Issue Threats and Drop Assault Charge to Compel Allegations About Patty statement Taken by Investigators Brown: Patty told Brown that she had about \$150K worth of insurance on Bill and offered him a new car or \$10K to kill Bill Subsequent Sworn Statement Hancock: During two-month relationship in 1978, Patty said she thought about xilling Bill and there was a gun in the house and she knew how to use it Hays: At time of relationship Threatened with arrest if he did not cooperate and told he was prime suspect. He did not believe Patty when she made the statement Pending assault charge dropped after he gave stat "Hughes' soldiers set out like a swarm of scandal sheet reporters, intent on digging up dirt." (90) A Tenuous Link to the Murder Weapon • The day of the murder, Hughes obtained nitrate swabs from Patty's hands to determine if she recently shot a gun; negative result • Four days int 560 feet from the Prewitt home on 2/21 • No fingerprints found on the gun • At the time the gun was found, four days into the investigation, boot prints were observed near the pond that investigators believed matched a pair of boots seen on the Prewitt property; though the area around the pond had been searched the day after the by investigators to link Patty to the murder weapon • Williams himself acknowledged that "[1]f she could just get around the boot prints at the pond, there would be a good chance of he winning." (249) winning." 25 Conflicting Reports About the Location and Condition of Boots • Deputy Keith Sturgis' statement (4/23): As of 2/20, boots were on patio three feet east of door, wet and muddy • 2/21 at 10:35a: R. Johnson observes red boots inside the house • 2/21 at 11:45a: D. Stewart recovers boots: left boot is inside house, right boot is outside house • In preliminary hearing, Stewart testified that shoes were dry when he found them • 2/21 Property record report by Huç states that boots were "water-soaked at time of discovery"

"No one recalled having carried either boot around but apparently that had happened. So there was no firm knowledge of the location of the boots when the house was secured. There Patty was arrested the next day, after the boots were determined to be hers. The differing accounts of the location and condition of key evidence for the prosecution raise significant Prosecution's Boot/Gun Theory Implausible Prosecution's Theory

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• Investigators devised a theory in which Patty threw the gun into
the pond, but the gun landed in such a way that the butt of the rifle was visible above the water

• Patty walked into the water and pushed the gun to conceal it below the water water was deepery let, no mud on shoestring or eyelets • No dirt found on Patty's white pajamas that she wore the morning
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• This opinion appears to be based on his participation in "hight target firing with a police agency." • Based solely on a photograph, Bridgens described to the jury the wounds on
• This implies a level of intent on the part of the person making the mark to deceive investigators, which he had no foundation on which to make that conclusion • Defense failed to
reaching his conclusions the evidence of the crime scene, statements of witnesses, and reports of officers. [...] The doctor-cop travels perilous terrain. There is risk involved in t Bridgens' Record of Professional Errors • 1979: Bridgens' findings that a victim was suffocated, not strangled, led to the murder conviction of Melvin Lee Reynolds; Reynolds was releadiscredited Bridgens' opinion • 1982: Lost position as Johnson County (KS) Deputy Coroner amid controversy that followed his ruling that a local politician committed suicide when his struck by a train • 1985: Ruled Deborah Jenness was murdered by strangulation, implicating her husband, other pathologists reviewed Bridgens' findings and determined there was not enough evidence to rule it a homicide. The case was dismissed • 1987: Criticized by Kansas judge for "fashioning ultimate conclusions about death itself and not concerning him other pathologists later concluded she was shot from the front with the muzzle near her mouth • 1990: Concluded a woman had been stabbed to death, but x-rays later revealed she had concerning him At Trial, Prosecutor Makes Calculated and Repeated Appeals to Gender Bias • Questioned former lovers about details of relationships that took place 5+ years before Bill's death • Re and Patty where the children were when they met Patty. In his account, he described the questions as "a few parting shots" that relied on "the old favorite, motherhood." (467) • Will 35 It Simply Does Not Make Sense That Patty Murdered Her Husband • Patty and Bill were happily married at the time of the murder and in the years preceding it
• Despite the prosecutor's claims, there was no evidence presented of current lovers • They were devoted to their five children • It's unbelievable that she would do it in the presence of her children • Claims that Patty did this for insurance money are implausible • Lumberyard was struggling financially, Patty after any insurance payout following Bill's death • Patty and Bill were not just spouses, but business partners. Without Bill, she would have the impossible task of running the lumb Indeed, Patty's Behavior is Inconsistent with Guilt •Patty chose to stop at Clifford Gustin's home after the attack; Gustin was a former police officer •Patty told police about the determined to be the murder weapon •Patty was fully available without a lawyer for more than 20 hours of questioning in the three days after the murder, even after being told she was a suspect •Though she had ample opportunity to do so, Patty did not hide or recover her boots, which investigators later used to link her to the murder weapon •She was unwilling to take a plea that would have made her eligible for parole in 7 years 37 Governor Greitens on Resilience • "Resilience is the virtue that enables people to move through hardship and become better." (3) • "Even when seemingly powerless, the resilient person finds a way to grab hold of something - no matter how small at first - to be responsible for." (108) 38 A Profile of Resilience Devoted Mother & Grandma Devote Mother & Grandma
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Every class has a person in it who works the hardest and accomplishes the most. That's Patty. She challenges and encourages the other students and, most of all, me." - Agnes Wilcox,

An Acclaimed Writer • PEN America Prison Writing Award, First Prize, Essay, 2006 • PEN America Prison Writing Award, Third Prize, Poetry, 2013 • Patty's authored a one-act play called performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in 2013 • Patty authored another one-act play called "The Plot" that was performed at the Kennedy Center in 2014 • Essay "Slow Dec (2013) • Poem "What Can I Say When It Hits Me" published in literary journal MiPOesias, Fall 2015

A Dedicated Professional •From 1995-2015, when DOC ended the program, Patty was a full-time computer programmer for DOC •Wrote code and developed tracking systems in COBOL on IBM AS/400 mainframe; also wrote in JAVA and HTML •Patty was the lead for reviewing the work of all programmers •At its peak, 20 inmates worked in the shop •Patty trained over computer programmers

An Engaged Community Member •WERDCC 4-H LIFE (Living Interactive Family Education), Founding Grandmother • Attends weekly meetings to develop parenting skills and participates in community service • Restorative Justice • Crochets stuffed always blankets for the homeless • Completed thousands of hours of service through this program • Participated in this scripture and prayer organization since 1986 • Better Living Awareness Support Team (BLAST) • As a certified AFRA Accordice and Fitness Instructor, Patty has 100 months of the complete of the community of the c

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• No prior convictions and an exemplary record • Individuals over 65 have the lowest rates of recidivism; they make up less than one-half of one percent of newly admitted prisoners
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Recent and Upcoming Events • Patty to be featured in upcoming TV show Final Appeal starring exonerated NFL player Brian Banks • NBC Productions covered the Rally for Patty in December interviewed Patty and her family multiple times • Filmed reaction of Patty's family and supporters to Governor Nixon's decision to leave office without acting on the petition • Show Hofstra Law Review "Tunnel Vision: Causes, Effects and Mitigation Strategies" •Thursday, June 22: Run On Sentence by Prison Performing Arts participants at WERDCC

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Investigators Ignore Evidence of Intruder *Prewitt neighbor Ethel Stephens spoke to the Sheriff the morning of the murder to report that she saw a person in a suspicious vehicle park road facing the Prewitt home just two hours before the murder * The jury never heard this crucial testimony corroborating Patty's account *Sheriff Norman testified that he did not report from Stephens; no record was made of this report *However, a lead was issued to speak to another neighbor about a car on the road, but this lead was voided for reasons that are unknown to us *It seems likely that Hughes, as the lead investigator, may have voided this lead

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 Car on Road Lead Voided
 From the lead assignment list. This document was not shared with the defense.
 Investigators Interviewed Few Neighbors
 Neighbors within about one mile of Prewitt home.
Red = no record of interview Gray = Unknown neighbor It appears that investigators only interviewed the Gustins and one other neighbor located just west of where this map
 Failures in the "First 48" Harm Patty Today • Experts have emphasized that the first 48 hours are critical to a homicide investigation: • Evidence is present and has experienced mini
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• Witnesses are more easily identified • Witnesses have clearer recollections • Suspect is more likely to be within reasonable proximity • The investigators' failure to collect evi Days 3 - 4 (Feb. 20-21), Hughes Creates a False Record in Interview with Patty • Patty in custody for 16 hours, from 12:30 pm to 4:30 am • First interviewed by two officers for two 1 recorded on cassette. According to their report, information obtained was repetitive of her previous statements • Only when Hughes takes over and conducts an unrecorded interview is • "I asked her how many times she met Hancock there during that year and she replied, "About a million." I asked her for a more realistic number in terms of how many times per week c • She asked Hughes to take her out to dinner before she goes to prison • "Patty indicated ... that she would not tell the truth unless caught red-handed." • "I am cold-blooded." • "and sexually-suggestive statements • Patty denies making such outrageous statements Hughes' Blemished Record and Unrecorded Interviews • Prior to the Prewitt trial in 1985, Hughes left Missouri following a national uproar and calls for his resignation when he delay arrest of a suspect in a brutal rape for almost a month to let the suspect fight in a boxing Cournament in exchange for a confession • In 1997, Hughes resigned his position as an invereview by DCI. This review is not public, but in 2003 the the Wyoming Supreme Court determined that Hughes' veracity could be impeached based on the official report that led to his r 22 Background on the Prewitt Marriage • High school sweethearts, Bill and Patty married in 1968 • Together, they owned and operated a lumberyard and were devoted parents • Active in the community, Patty was President of the Chamber of Commerce and Bill coached soccer • In 1974, Patty was raped by three men in Sedalia. Following this traumatic event, Bill and Patty grew more distant from each other. For a time in the 1970s, they lived apart and saw other people • During their separation, 5+ years before Bill's death, Patt 23 Investigators Issue Threats and Drop Assault Charge to Compel Allegations About Patty statement Taken by Investigators Brown: Patty told Brown that she had about \$150K worth of insurance on Bill and offered him a new car or \$10K to kill Bill Subsequent Sworn Statement Hancock: During two-month relationship in 1978, Patty said she thought about xilling Bill and there was a gun in the house and she knew how to use it Hays: At time of relationship Threatened with arrest if he did not cooperate and told he was prime suspect. He did not believe Patty when she made the statement Pending assault charge dropped after he gave stat "Hughes' soldiers set out like a swarm of scandal sheet reporters, intent on digging up dirt." (90) A Tenuous Link to the Murder Weapon • The day of the murder, Hughes obtained nitrate swabs from Patty's hands to determine if she recently shot a gun; negative result • Four days int 560 feet from the Prewitt home on 2/21 • No fingerprints found on the gun • At the time the gun was found, four days into the investigation, boot prints were observed near the pond that investigators believed matched a pair of boots seen on the Prewitt property; though the area around the pond had been searched the day after the by investigators to link Patty to the murder weapon • Williams himself acknowledged that "[1]f she could just get around the boot prints at the pond, there would be a good chance of he winning." (249) winning." 25 Conflicting Reports About the Location and Condition of Boots • Deputy Keith Sturgis' statement (4/23): As of 2/20, boots were on patio three feet east of door, wet and muddy • 2/21 at 10:35a: R. Johnson observes red boots inside the house • 2/21 at 11:45a: D. Stewart recovers boots: left boot is inside house, right boot is outside house • In preliminary hearing, Stewart testified that shoes were dry when he found them • 2/21 Property record report by Huç states that boots were "water-soaked at time of discovery"

"No one recalled having carried either boot around but apparently that had happened. So there was no firm knowledge of the location of the boots when the house was secured. There Patty was arrested the next day, after the boots were determined to be hers. The differing accounts of the location and condition of key evidence for the prosecution raise significant Prosecution's Boot/Gun Theory Implausible Prosecution's Theory

• A single boot print was found about one foot away from where
the gun was recovered in pond

• Investigators devised a theory in which Patty threw the gun into
the pond, but the gun landed in such a way that the butt of the rifle was visible above the water

• Patty walked into the water and pushed the gun to conceal it below the water water was deepery let, no mud on shoestring or eyelets • No dirt found on Patty's white pajamas that she wore the morning
of the murder—no dirty clothing found at Prewitt home or dirt found in sinks; how could she have walked through a muddy pond?

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• This opinion appears to be based on his participation in "hight target firing with a police agency." • Based solely on a photograph, Bridgens described to the jury the wounds on
• This implies a level of intent on the part of the person making the mark to deceive investigators, which he had no foundation on which to make that conclusion • Defense failed to
reaching his conclusions the evidence of the crime scene, statements of witnesses, and reports of officers. [...] The doctor-cop travels perilous terrain. There is risk involved in t Bridgens' Record of Professional Errors • 1979: Bridgens' findings that a victim was suffocated, not strangled, led to the murder conviction of Melvin Lee Reynolds; Reynolds was releadiscredited Bridgens' opinion • 1982: Lost position as Johnson County (KS) Deputy Coroner amid controversy that followed his ruling that a local politician committed suicide when his struck by a train • 1985: Ruled Deborah Jenness was murdered by strangulation, implicating her husband, other pathologists reviewed Bridgens' findings and determined there was not enough evidence to rule it a homicide. The case was dismissed • 1987: Criticized by Kansas judge for "fashioning ultimate conclusions about death itself and not concerning him other pathologists later concluded she was shot from the front with the muzzle near her mouth • 1990: Concluded a woman had been stabbed to death, but x-rays later revealed she had concerning him At Trial, Prosecutor Makes Calculated and Repeated Appeals to Gender Bias • Questioned former lovers about details of relationships that took place 5+ years before Bill's death • Re and Patty where the children were when they met Patty. In his account, he described the questions as "a few parting shots" that relied on "the old favorite, motherhood." (467) • Will It Simply Does Not Make Sense That Patty Murdered Her Husband • Patty and Bill were happily married at the time of the murder and in the years preceding it
• Despite the prosecutor's claims, there was no evidence presented of current lovers • They were devoted to their five children • It's unbelievable that she would do it in the presence of her children • Claims that Patty did this for insurance money are implausible • Lumberyard was struggling financially, Patty after any insurance payout following Bill's death • Patty and Bill were not just spouses, but business partners. Without Bill, she would have the impossible task of running the lumb Indeed, Patty's Behavior is Inconsistent with Guilt •Patty chose to stop at Clifford Gustin's home after the attack; Gustin was a former police officer •Patty told police about the determined to be the murder weapon •Patty was fully available without a lawyer for more than 20 hours of questioning in the three days after the murder, even after being told she was a suspect •Though she had ample opportunity to do so, Patty did not hide or recover her boots, which investigators later used to link her to the murder weapon •She was unwilling to take a plea that would have made her eligible for parole in 7 years 37 Governor Greitens on Resilience • "Resilience is the virtue that enables people to move through hardship and become better." (3) • "Even when seemingly powerless, the resilient person finds a way to grab hold of something - no matter how small at first - to be responsible for." (108) 38 A Profile of Resilience Devoted Mother & Grandma Devote Mother & Grandma
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Acclaimed Writer
Talented Leader
Accomplished Scholar Engaged Community
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Northwest Missouri Community College, Business Diploma (60 credits; 3.93 GPA)
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- A Talented Leader Prison Performing Arts, Founding Member at WERDCC in 2000 Leading roles in:
 The Tempest Macbeth Twelfth Night Julius Caesar A Midsummer Night's Dream Animal Farm The Flying Doctor by Molière Metamorphoses by Roman Poet Ovid The Car Brecht
- The Rover by Aphra Behn Crowns by Regina Taylor The Dayroom Club by Patty Prewitt Shorts (four one act plays)

Every class has a person in it who works the hardest and accomplishes the most. That's Patty. She challenges and encourages the other students and, most of all, me." - Agnes Wilcox,

An Acclaimed Writer • PEN America Prison Writing Award, First Prize, Essay, 2006 • PEN America Prison Writing Award, Third Prize, Poetry, 2013 • Patty's authored a one-act play called performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in 2013 • Patty authored another one-act play called "The Plot" that was performed at the Kennedy Center in 2014 • Essay "Slow Dec (2013) • Poem "What Can I Say When It Hits Me" published in literary journal MiPOesias, Fall 2015

A Dedicated Professional •From 1995-2015, when DOC ended the program, Patty was a full-time computer programmer for DOC •Wrote code and developed tracking systems in COBOL on IBM AS/400 mainframe; also wrote in JAVA and HTML •Patty was the lead for reviewing the work of all programmers •At its peak, 20 inmates worked in the shop •Patty trained over computer programmers

An Engaged Community Member •WERDCC 4-H LIFE (Living Interactive Family Education), Founding Grandmother • Attends weekly meetings to develop parenting skills and participates in community service • Restorative Justice • Crochets stuffed almais and sews blankets for the homeless • Completed thousands of hours of service through this program • Participated in this scripture and prayer organization since 1986 • Better Living Awareness Support Team (BLAST) • As a certified AFRA Accordicy Arthurst Instructor, Patty has 100 or 100 or

An Influential Mentor: From Letters Previously Sent to Governor • "I will forever be grateful and appreciative for Patty. She changed my life. I am now addicted to exercise, not dru and self-esteem were zero. I thought I was stupid and would never be anything but a drug addict.[.] Patty took time to teach me [aerobics]. We became close friends. Her zest for lif myself had it not been for Patty's influence and belief in me when I was struggling. I can honestly say that it was PATTY who helped me to remember that I still had worth and could su 45

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A Devoted Mother and Grandmother • Patty's release is strongly supported by Bill and Patty's children • "Those of us related to Patty have, in many ways, served this sentence along with her. My four siblings and I ranged in age from 8 to 16 when she was forced to leave us. We are now 39 to 47. We would have loved to have h

Patty's Continued Incarceration is not in the State's Interest •Patty is clearly not a threat to society • Educated, skilled, and supported by family and friends
• No prior convictions and an exemplary record • Individuals over 65 have the lowest rates of recidivism; they make up less than one-half of one percent of newly admitted prisoners
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Recent and Upcoming Events • Patty to be featured in upcoming TV show Final Appeal starring exonerated NFL player Brian Banks • NBC Productions covered the Rally for Patty in December interviewed Patty and her family multiple times • Filmed reaction of Patty's family and supporters to Governor Nixon's decision to leave office without acting on the petition • Show Hofstra Law Review "Tunnel Vision: Causes, Effects and Mitigation Strategies" •Thursday, June 22: Run On Sentence by Prison Performing Arts participants at WERDCC

Clemency: An Act of Justice and Mercy • In Herrera v. Collins, 506 U.S. 390 (1993), Chief Justice Rehnquist wrote: • Clemency is deeply rooted in our Anglo-American tradition of law, and is the historic remedy for preventing miscarriages of justice where judicial process exhausted • It is an unalterable fact that our judicial system, like the human beings when the process of every country partakes so much of necessary severity, that without an easy access to exceptions in favor of unfortunate guilt, justice would wear a countenance.

Demonstrate Courage and Compassion: Grant Clemency to Patty Prewitt *Patty's arrest was the result of a deeply flawed investigation in which crucial leads were ignored and exculpatory evidence was withheld *The trial was marred by faulty forensics and infused with gender bias that has no place in a courtroom *Patty's incarceration is the result of a grant criminal justice system *Patty has lived a life of resilience and purpose *Only Governor Greitens can correct this *Governor Greitens has said, "Without courage, compassion falters and without compassion, courage has no direction."

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